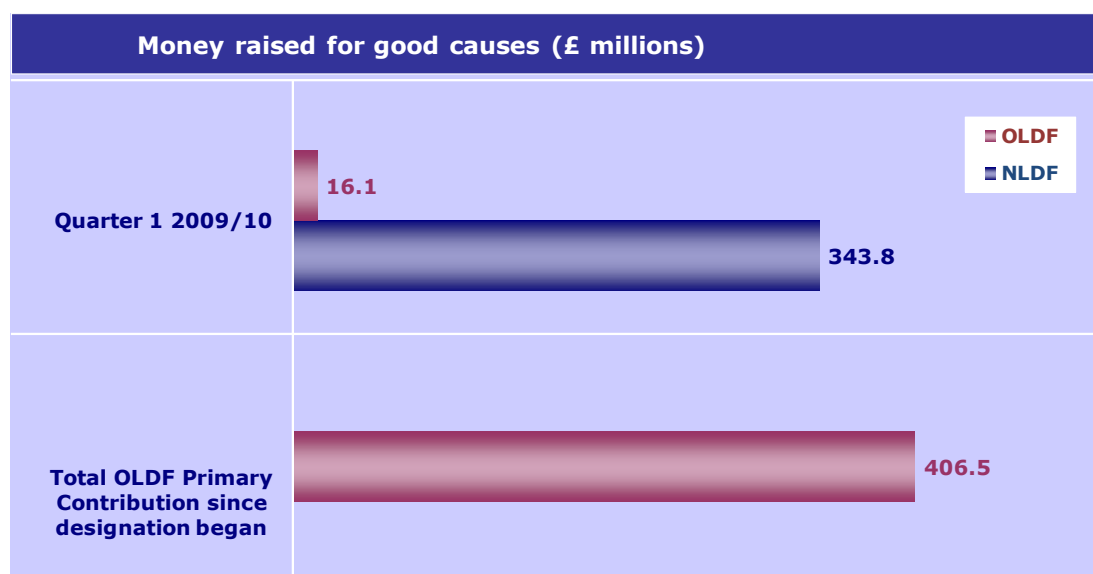


Reporting Period: Quarter 1, 2009/10

Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £23 billion for good causes that include sports, arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment. In addition, National Lottery funding is contributing £2.175 billion towards the costs of staging the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, of which £750m will come from designated games.

Funds are raised from the sale of National Lottery games, and are supplemented by unclaimed prizes and interest on balances of funds held. The funds for the original good causes are held in the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF), while funds raised from designated games are held in the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund (OLDF). The Commission makes sure that payments from the Lottery operator into the NLDF and OLDF are accurate and on time.

OLDF and NLDF Raised in Quarter 1, 2009/10¹



Comment

OLDF returns during Quarter 1 were £16m – this was in line with expectations and means the National Lottery, having raised over £400m to date from designated games, remains on target to achieve the £750m total.

Eleven new Interactive Instant Win Games, which have been designated as Olympic Lottery games were launched during this quarter:

Gold Mine, Backgammon Bonus, Lucky Streak, Pinball Payout, Bowling Bonus, Lucky Lucky Lucky, Magic 7s, Cloud 9, Noughts and Crosses, Skull & Cashbones, Dice Roll.

One new Olympic-designated Scratchcard was launched: Rabbit Riches.

¹ These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 April and 30 June 2009. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.